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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

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INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY BERLIN

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

AMEMBASSY SOFIA

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR PINR KN KS CZ

SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY PRESS CONFERENCE

1. AS REPORTED IN MARCH 4TH "RUDE PRAVO", CHARGE OF NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY CALLED MARCH 3 NEWS CONFERENCE IN PRAGUE TO CHARGE THAT U.S. WAS "STRENGTHENING ITS MILITARY POTENTIAL AND EXPANDING IN NUMBERS ITS AGGRESSIVE FORCES OCCUPYING SOUTH KOREA." USING AS HIS GUIDE A NORTH KOREAN MFA STATEMENT OF FEBRUARY 27, THE NORTH KOREAN CHARGE CLAIMED U.S. HAS BROUGHT ITS LATEST F-111 BOMBERS FROM U.S., INCREASED TROOPS BY 4,000 AND BROUGHT IN AN "INCALCULABLE QUANTITY OF MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONRY, INCLUDING NUCLEAR ARMS AND CARRIERS."

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2. ACCORDING TO THE NORTH KOREAN CHARGE, U.S. INTENTION WAS

TO PERPETUATE DIVISION OF KOREA AND TO USE SOUTH KOREA AS ITS  
"COLONIAL MILITARY BASE." HE CONCLUDED THAT THE U.S. WAS  
ACTING IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD WITH NO REGARD FOR PRINCIPLES  
IT BOUND ITSELF TO RESPECT AT HELSINKI.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY REPORTS ABOVE TO ILLUSTRATE THAT CZECHO-  
SLOVAKIA CONTINUES IN ITS COLD WARRIOR-LIKE USE OF MEDIA. AS  
DEPARTMENT AWARE, CZECHS ALL TOO OFTEN PUT THEMSELVES OUT IN FRONT OF  
SOVIETS AND OTHER EE COUNTRIES IN THIS MANNER.  
PROVISION OF FORUM FOR NORTH KOREANS TO CONVEY THIS  
MESSAGE STRIKES US AS PARTICULARLY GRATUITOUS, AND WE WONDER  
IF OTHER EE COUNTRIES HAVE GIVEN SIMILAR ROSTRUM. WE WILL OF  
COURSE PLAN TO MENTION THIS TO MFA AT NEXT OPPORTUNITY.  
PERRY

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